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FIFTH SESSION OF THIRD POLE CLIMATE FORUM (TPCF-5)

1-3 June 2026, from 07:00 to 10:00 UTC Online

Tentative Agenda

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Day 1: Monday, June 1, 2026

Time	Item	Speakers
Session 1: Welcome and Introductions: Opening Remarks and TPCF in support of implementing WMO priorities Chair: Mr Shahzad Sultan (PMD) Rapporteur: Mr Sabeer Ali (IMD)		
07:00 – 07:30	Opening remarks	Mr Muhammad Afzaal (DG PMD) (host welcome) Ms Jiashuang Yuan (Deputy Director-General, NCC/CMA) Mr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra (DG IMD) Mr Wilfran Okia (WMO)
	Tour de table introduction	All participants
07:30 – 07:50	Recent Advances in Glacial Lake Monitoring, Risk Assessment, and Early Warning of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods in the Himalaya	Mr Guoqing Zhang (Xizang University, China/TPE)
07:50 – 08:10	Status and climate services of TPRCC-Network	Ms Lijuan Ma (NCC/CMA)



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Health break (10 min)		
<p>Session 2: Climate review for the past season, incl. extreme events, and regional challenges caused by cryospheric changes</p> <p>Chair: Mr Pengling Wang (NCC/CMA)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr Sohail Babar Cheema (PMD)</p>		
08:20 – 08:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate review: DJF 2025/26 – SAT, precipitation, snow cover, extremes. ▪ The current climate conditions and national outlook for JJAS 2026 in Kazakhstan ▪ <i>Guiding Q:</i> What were the most significant anomalies and their impacts? 	<p>Mr Guowei Yang (NCC/CMA)</p> <p>Ms. Nuraily Kuzhageldina (Head of climate services, Kazakhstan)</p>
08:40 – 09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High-impact events (DJF 2025/26) floods, drought, heatwaves, cold waves, Dzud, avalanches. ▪ Extreme or High-Impact Events in Mongolia ▪ <i>Guiding Q:</i> What monitoring gaps were exposed? How can seasonal forecasts help? 	<p>Ms Mingzhu Yang (NCC/CMA)</p> <p>Purevdagva Khalzan (Mongolia)</p>
09:00 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Impacts of Climate Change on Hindu Kush Himalayan Glaciers and Emerging Cryospheric Hazards ▪ High-Resolution Mapping of Glacial Lakes in Central Asia Using PlanetScope and Google Earth Engine: New Algorithm and Comprehensive Inventory ▪ <i>Guiding Q:</i> How can glacier monitoring inform early warning systems for emerging cryospheric hazards in the HKH region? 	<p>Mr Sudan Bikash Maharjan (ICIMOD)</p> <p>Ms Maria Shahgedanova and Qiao Li (MRI University of Reading)</p>
09:30 – 09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Q&A / Discussion on monitoring & user needs. ▪ What additional cryosphere variables are needed? ▪ How to improve transboundary data sharing? 	<p>Moderator: Mr Peiqun Zhang</p>
09:50 – 10:00	Summary of Day 1	Session Chair



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Day 2: Tuesday, 2 June 2026

Time	Item	Speakers
Session 3: Verification of DJF 2025/26 Outlook & JJAS 2026 Seasonal Outlook		
Chair: Mr Vijay Kumar Soni (IMD)		
Rapporteur: Mr Daquan Zhang (NCC/CMA)		
07:00 – 07:05	Summary of Day 1 and introduction of Day 2	Session chair
07:05 – 07:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verification of DJF 2025/26 outlook – model performance, hits & misses. ▪ <i>Guiding Q:</i> What were the key successes and failures of the DJF 2025/26 outlook, and how can model performance be improved going forward? 	Mr Jingpeng Liu (NCC/CMA) Mr Gohar Ali (PMD)
07:20 – 07:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operationalization of Objective Seasonal Forecasts and Sectoral Products on Sub-Regional Scales. ▪ <i>Guiding Q:</i> What is needed to move from experimental seasonal forecasts to operational, user-ready sectoral products at sub-regional scales? 	Mr Wilfran Moufouma Okia (WMO - TBC)
07:35 – 08:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JJAS 2026 Outlook for the TP Region, MME approach: Contributions from FOCRAII, SASCOF, and NEACOF on High Mountain Asia (HMA) ▪ Summer prediction insights for the Third Pole region from the FOCRAII perspective. ▪ Summer prediction insights for the Third Pole region from the SASCOF perspective ▪ WMO-LC outlook for the upcoming summer season JJA 2026 ▪ <i>Guiding Q:</i> What is the confidence level across different sub-regions? 	Mr Xiang Li (FOCRAII) Mr Sreejith OP (SASCOF) Ms Elena Nabokova (NEACOF) Mr Jeongmin Han (APCC)
08:15 – 08:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Outlook for TP region JJAS-2026 ▪ <i>Guiding Q:</i> How do node outlooks align or diverge? 	Mr Jingpeng Liu (NCC/CMA) IMD – Southern Node (TBC) Mr Gohar Ali or Mr Cheema (PMD)



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08:35 – 08:50	<p>Q&A – uncertainties, regional consistency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How to communicate probabilistic forecasts to users? ▪ What additional downscaling is needed? 	Moderated by session Chair
Health break (10 min)		
Session 4 Impact-Based Forecast		
Chair: Ms Leila Salarpour Goodarzi (UNESCAP)		
Rapporteur: Ms Maria Shahgedanova (MRI)		
09:00 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Composite flood risk assessment for third pole region JJAS 2026 ▪ Hydrological Forecasting in the Third Pole Region under Changing Cryosphere ▪ <i>Guiding Q</i>: What decisions will be affected by the JJAS outlook? 	<p>Ms Parvathy Subha (UNESCAP)</p> <p>Ms Xianhong Meng (NIEER/CAS, China)</p>
09:30 – 09:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Q&A ▪ IBF uncertainties What digital climate prediction data is required? How to address gaps? ▪ What regional policymakers concern about? 	Moderated by session Chair
09:55 – 10:00	Summary of Day 2	Session Chair



Day 3 – Wednesday, 3 June 2026

Time	Item	Speakers
Session 5: Consensus Statement and User-Provider Dialogue Chair: Ms Lijuan Ma (NCC/CMA) Rapporteur: Mr Sohail Babar Cheema (PMD)		
07:00 – 07:05	Summary of Day 2 and introduction of Day 3	Session chair
07:05 – 07:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultation on seasonal outlook and make agreement ▪ Go through the highlights of TPCF-5 Consensus Statement 	Mr Shahzad Sultan (PMD)
07:25 – 08:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ User-producer dialogue – anticipated impacts of JJAS 2026 outlook. ▪ <i>Guiding Qs:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you use the outlook? • What additional information would trigger action? • What are barriers to using seasonal forecasts? 	Moderated by Ms Mandira Shrestha Proposed Panel members 1. Mr Sohail Babar (Provider) 2. Ms Asma (Agriculture) 3. Ms Leila Salarpour Goodarzi (ESCAP) 4. WMO-Health (TBC)
08:00 – 08:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Walk through the draft statement ▪ Final draft of the Consensus Statement. 	Mr Pengling Wang (NCC/CMA), Mr Vijay Kumar Soni (IMD), Mr Shahzad Sultan (PMD)
Health break (20 min)		
Session 6: Way Forward and recommendations Chair: Mr Furrukh Bashir (Director R&D PMD) Rapporteur: Ms Sarah Diouf (WMO - TBC)		
08:50 – 09:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional cooperation, connection with JET-CHMS and ET-CS of RA II, TPCF's role in implementing RA II OP, potential collaboration 	Mr Jochen Luther (WMO)



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	opportunities among ETs, engagement of Members, funding opportunities	
09:10 – 09:40	Way forward and Recommendations (Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data Exchange and user requirements ▪ Capacity development priorities ▪ TPCF-6 planning, to be hosted by IMD 	Moderated by session chair
09:40 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing remarks 	Ms Yuping Yan (CMA) PMD IMD Mr Ben Churchill (WMO)